



COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Washburn, D. Anastasio, R. Pucely, D. Taivalkoski, K. Kryger

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

VILLAGE STAFF: T. Beyer, R. Bowers, L. Weber, T. Alvarez, W. Hanson

OTHER PRESENT: D. Kraft, R. Leffler, J. Christensen

CALL TO ORDER – D. Taivalkoski called the Utilities Commission meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

A. CLOSED SESSION

1. To convene into closed session per WI §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session specifically: to discuss negotiation strategies related to the potential purchase of property for the Hood's Creek Improvements Project and the Kraut Road Storm Sewer Project.
N. Washburn motioned to convene into closed session per WI §19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session specifically: to discuss negotiation strategies related to the potential purchase of property for the Hood's Creek Improvements Project and the Kraut Road Storm Sewer Project, D. Anastasio seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
2. To reconvene into open session to consider any motions on any of the matters discussed under the closed session.
N. Washburn motioned to reconvene into open session to consider any motions on the matters discussed under closed session, D. Taivalkoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. N. Washburn reported that the Village will continue negotiations for the potential purchase of the property for the Hood's Creek Improvements Project. N. Washburn motioned to approve the settlement of \$4,500 to the Charles and Nancy Melcher Living Trust for the Kraut Rd. storm sewer project, D. Anastasio seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

B. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Approval of the December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes – N. Washburn motioned to approve the December 8, 2021 meeting minutes as presented, D. Anastasio seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. K. Kryger abstained.
2. Policy Regarding Utility Cost Sharing for Developer Sewer Oversizing – N. Washburn recused herself from the meeting. Staff received request from a developer for cost sharing related to storm and sanitary sewer. R. Leffler informed the Commission that there are high upfront costs for developers that prevent most from developing. J. Christensen (Nielsen, Madsen & Barber) had questions on the current Village ordinance. Staff does not believe that the taxpayers and/or Utility should front the cost for the sewer oversizing. K. Kryger motioned to table this item until we receive an opinion from legal, D. Anastasio seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

C. SANITARY SEWER UTILITY

1. Chicory Road Sanitary Sewer Capacity Study – Staff has moved forward along with the City of Racine Wastewater Utility to hire two engineering firms to design the project. RaSmith will complete the relay portion and Strand Associates, Inc. will complete the storage tank. The proposals have been signed and the design has begun.
2. Cozy Acres Road Sanitary Sewer Capacity Study – Proposal from RaSmith - Staff received a proposal from RaSmith for the 2022 Cozy Acre Sanitary Sewer Study. K. Kryger motioned to approve the proposal from RaSmith for the not to exceed amount of \$40,000, N. Washburn seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Christina Estates Addition #1 – Acceptance of Public Sanitary Sewer – D. Anastasio motioned to accept the public sanitary sewer for Christina Estates Addition #1, R. Pucely seconded. Motion carried 4-0. N. Washburn abstained.

C. STORM WATER DRAINAGE UTILITY

1. Christina Estates Addition #1 – Acceptance of Public Storm Sewer – K. Kryger motioned to accept the public storm sewer for Christina Estates Addition #1, D. Anastasio seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. N. Washburn abstained.
2. Pike River Watershed Chloride Study-Proposal from Hey & Associates – This item is part of the Village strategic plan. D. Kraft (Hey & Associates) applied for a grant which was not awarded. Hey & Associates would like to map the entire system to come up with possible solutions to the chloride issue, to include sampling data. N. Washburn motioned to approve the proposal from Hey & Associates for the amount not to exceed of \$100,000, R. Pucely seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

D. REPORTS

1. Director of Public Works – None
2. Deputy Director of Public Works - None
3. Public Works Utility Manager – Annual Maintenance & Plumbing Inspection Report – R. Bowers reported to the Commission on the total number of plumbing inspections, new connections and Digger’s Hotline tickets completed in 2021. The Utility department had the highest number of sewer cleaning completed in 2021, which included sewer that had not been able to be cleaned in over 20 years. Staff has also been working in-house to update the Village GIS and to bring the well registration list current.

E. ADJOURN – D. Taivalkoski adjourned at the Utilities Commission meeting at 10:22 AM.